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COUNTRY Polish-occupied Germany

TOPIC Brieg Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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20 November 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to November 1950, the airfield located southwest of Brieg (P 51/N 39) was occupied by 30 to 100 small silver-grey Soviet conventional fighters. These planes, which were mostly parked out in the open in groups of 15 to 20, were seen flying individually and in formations of 3 to about 25 planes. (1)

2. The field covered an area about 4,000 x 2,000 meters. Five or six hangars, all built before the war, were observed on the northern edge of the installation. Concrete taxiways, 200 meters long and 15 to 20 meters wide, led from the hangars to the landing field.

3. The Soviet soldiers stationed at the field were billeted in the Briegischdorf settlement, southwest of the main railroad station. There were 10 to 12 four-story barracks buildings on the northern and northeastern edges of the field, and 10 to 15 low wooden buildings, each about 25 meters long, located on the eastern edge of the landing field. The barracks buildings were erected in 1937/1938 and the low wooden buildings during the war. (2)

4. Night flying was frequently observed in 1949 and 1950. Ten to twelve searchlights appeared to be available at the field. Aircraft were observed practicing air combat at a high altitude. The searchlights spotted the aircraft during this activity. (3)

5. The Tiede Kaserne on the south side of the highway to Breslau, which consisted of 10 to 12 four-story undamaged barracks buildings quartered a Soviet mortar unit. The Seydlitz or Indra Kaserne on the southeastern edge of the town quartered a Polish engineer regiment.

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6. [redacted] the villages of Rampitz (P 51/N 79) and Pramern (P 51/J 04) had to be evacuated by order of the Soviets in December 1950. Soviet troops were allegedly to be billeted in the two localities. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The report confirms that at least two fighter regiments were stationed at 50X1-HUM
Brieg airfield in the fall of 1950. The two regiments were equipped with
conventional aircraft. Both regiments have been reequipped with jet aircraft.
- (2) The information on the aircraft and barracks installations in Brieg agrees
with previous information. 50X1-HUM

It is possible
that the low wooden buildings were dismantled because of the enlargement of
the field toward the east.

- (3) In August 1951, 16 searchlights were reportedly available at the field. The
present report indicates that night fighter training conducted with search-
lights took place at the field in late 1950. No information is available
whether this sort of training is done with jet fighters.
- (4) The Friede Kaserne has in the meantime been occupied by a Soviet Air Force unit;
the same applies to a portion of the village of Pampitz. The occupation of
the Pampitz Kaserne by Polish troops was previously known. No information is
available on the presence of air force troops in Pampitz.

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